

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

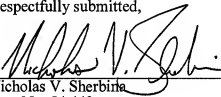
Upon entry of this amendment, claim 12 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 12 in a related, co-pending application.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cancels one of the claims and does not touch the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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